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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on June 25, 2003, on the above-identified application, a shortened statutory period of 3 months was set for response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby request(s) a:

> one month two months three months

four months

time extension so that the period for response to the Office Action expires on **December 25, 2003.**

A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed along with the accompanying response transmittal letter. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2849 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

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